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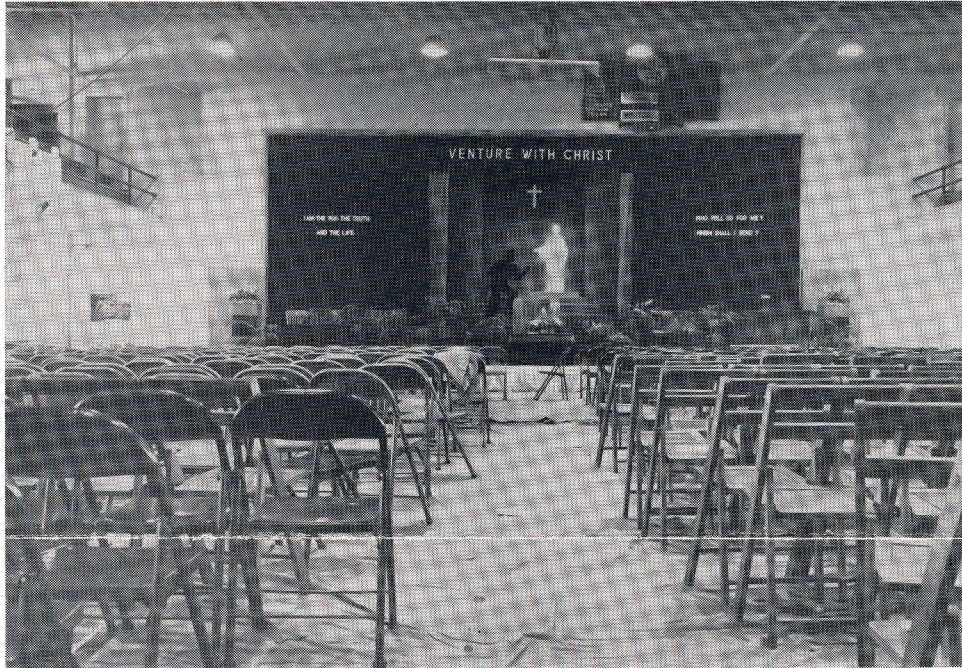
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CONFERENCE OVER, BUT CHALLENGE REMAINS



The empty gymnasium echoes and reechoes the living, vibrant, and inspiring activity of the past '55 Youth Conference. The people are gone; the work is completed; and a spirit of accomplishment hovers over the quiet scene.

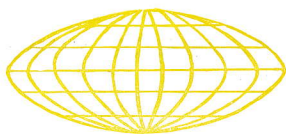
PAST — OR IS IT?

The scenes of Youth Conference 1955 are in the past. You who have visited the campus are now scattered in many different directions. Yes, the wonderful week-end is behind you; yet in a very real way, Youth Conference is not actually over, for the decisions you made and the spirit you felt here will remain in your hearts forever.

You see, the strength of your decisions will continue the spirit of Youth Conference on into the future. The real purpose of the conference is realized when Christ has so changed and challenged our lives that we begin to have an influence for Him. As you remain faithful to your decision for Christ, Youth Conference becomes a success.

Every day there is an opportunity to have this necessary and important influence for Christ. We are not always aware of our chances to witness, nor do we always seize these opportunities, but they are waiting for us. When we remember that God is interested in everything that we do, we can easily see how important it is to please Him each day. Thus, the day-by-day life for Christ is the one that really counts. It is always helpful to think every day about our promises and commitments to God, so that we can then take action and put them into practice.

Let us really make Youth Conference live on in its success. We *can* do it through our own lives. It is not too hard for anyone, and God is always faithful. (I Cor. 10:13)



ATTENTION, ALL SOLDIERS

War has been declared—The battle is on!

"And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth and his angles were cast out with him." (Rev. 12:9.) "So be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." (I Peter 5:8.)

If someone as strong and powerful as Satan is stalking around the earth trying to deceive and devour Christian people, I believe that we need a mighty powerful defense, don't you? President Eisenhower says that a good soldier must be well-equipped. God tells us in the sixth chapter of Ephesians what the Christian's warfare is:

God tells us that our shield is faith (v. 16). A good soldier holds his shield up high and out in front of him. Likewise we must keep our faith. But you say, "Sometimes I just don't feel like I'm saved." What kind of soldier would it be who would say, "I just don't feel like I'm a soldier," and throw his shield away, or drag it along behind him? He probably would not last long in the battle. The same is true with our faith—We must keep it strong, "For we walk by faith, not by sight." (II Cor. 5:7) "The just shall live by faith." (Gal 3:11) God saved us through **faith not feelings**. (Eph. 1:7)

And then God tells us that salvation is our helmet, and our sword is the Bible. "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword..." (Heb. 4:12)

Do you know how to keep your sword sharp? Here are a few suggestions that will certainly help a lot:

(1) Use it every day. A rusty sword is grounds for court-martial. Set aside a definite time each day, and consider that time as a daily appointment with God.

(2) Each day, as you begin to read, pray that God's Holy Spirit will help you to understand what you read.

(3) As you read, ask yourself, "What is God's message for me today?" Remember that God speaks through the Bible.

(4) Read unhurriedly—dig for hidden treasures in the Scripture by reading it over several times.

(5) Read consecutively. Start with



Seekers and altar workers unite at an altar of prayer during the Saturday afternoon meeting.

a book and finish it, even if it takes you several days. This is much better than just flipping the Bible open anywhere and reading wherever your fall first. Ever hear about the old lady who always read her Bible that way? One morning she was feeling terrible and turned to the Bible for comfort. She just flipped it open and her eyes fell on, "And Judas went out and hanged himself." "How terrible," she thought, and quickly opened to another place. This time she read, "Go thou and do likewise." She was very frustrated by now, but decided to try once more. Eagerly opening her Bible this time, her eyes fell on the words, "What thou doest, do quickly."

(6) Do not be disturbed if there are passages which you do not fully understand. Use helps such as a reference Bible, Bible dictionary, and concordance. If you still have problems, consult your pastor or Sunday school teacher.

(7) Memorize verses which you like especially well, or which you feel are important.

(8) Jot down impressions which you have received or thoughts that come to you as you read.

(9) No matter how you feel, turn to the Bible every day. It is not only your sword, but God's love letter to you. It is not a shelf of medicines for

emergencies only, but it is daily food for daily needs.

(10) Each day when you finish reading, pray again that the Holy Spirit of God may lead you.

This leads us to something else that the Bible says a good soldier must do—pray. (V. 18) Prayer is fellowship with God—It is a source of strength and wisdom. (James 5:13-20)

Find a quiet place where you can be alone with God, and spend as much time there as possible. Pray each morning, asking God's help for that day. Pray for others. Always thank God for His blessings. Pray each night before you go to bed, thanking God for caring for you that day. Don't be in a big hurry—wait upon God to speak to your heart. Remember God always answers prayer in one of three ways—yes, no, or wait. (I Thess. 5:17)

There is something else that Jesus wants us to do—witness for Him. (Matt 10:32; Luke 12:8-9; Romans 9-11) Witnessing is merely telling others about Jesus. How will they know if we don't tell them? Then we must live what we say if we expect people to believe what we say.

We can certainly see that the Christian life is not a life of "do-nots," but rather a life of action.

Many of you have already written, telling us how the Lord has blessed you. Many have won others to Christ already. We thank God for that, and would appreciate hearing from the rest of you. Perhaps you have questions or problems with which we could help you. Feel free to ask for help of any kind. We shall be remembering you in prayer.

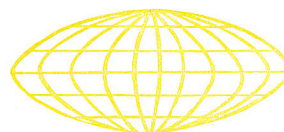
May the Lord bless you richly.

Ramona Ferguson

Bob Hankins

Next Year

Those of you who attended this year's Youth Conference will automatically receive publicity for next year's conference. However, if you have friends that you know would like to have Youth Conference literature next year simply print their names on the back of a post card and mail to: YC Publicity Director, Taylor University, Upland, Indiana.



THESE ARE THE FACTS:

Total number registered—1347.
Average number served per minute in the cafeteria—25.
Missionary offering—\$806.00.
Delegation farthest from Taylor—Longview, Texas.
Largest delegation—St. Clair Shores, Michigan.
Number of record albums sold—450.
Number of decisions—203.
Salvation—113.
Consecration—84.
Missionary—6.

Opportunities Open for Non-Professional Missionaries

Accountants are needed in: Africa, Europe, Far East, Latin America, Middle East and Oceania

Bookkeepers are needed in: Africa, Europe, Far East, Latin America, Middle East, Oceania, Near East, United States.

Business Managers are needed in: Africa, Europe, Far East, Latin America, Oceania (2 Book Stores and 1 Press Mgr.)

Secretaries are needed in: Africa, Europe, Far East, Latin America, Middle East, Oceania, United States

General Office Workers are needed in: Africa, Europe, Far East, Latin America, Middle East, Oceania, Near East

Educators (Principals & Supervisors): Africa, Europe, Far East, Latin America, Middle East, Oceania

Secondary School Teachers: Africa, Europe, Far East, Latin America, Near East, Middle East, Oceania

Bible School Teachers: Africa, Europe, Far East, Latin America, Middle East, Near East, Oceania

College Professors: Far East only
Vocational Teachers: Africa, Latin America only

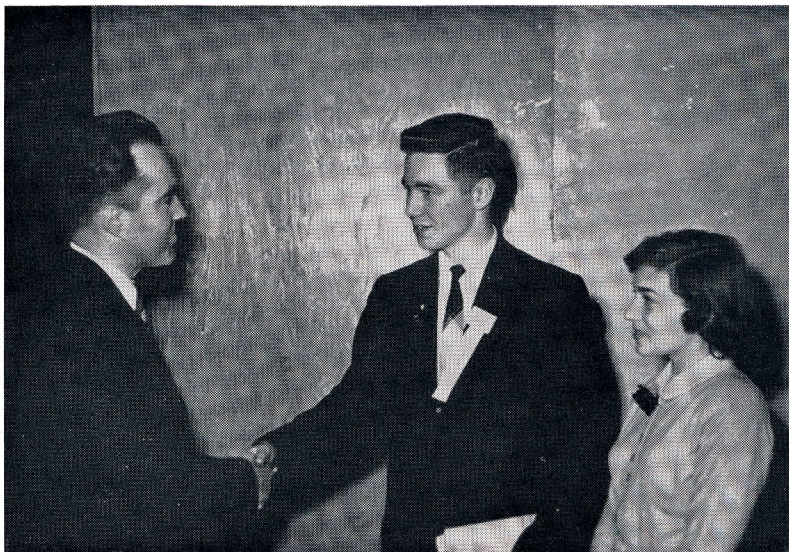
Seminary Teachers: Far East, Latin America, Middle East, Oceania

Normal School Teachers: Africa, Far East, Latin America

Teachers for Missionaries Children: Africa, Far East, Latin America, Oceania

Couples for House Parents: Africa
Kindergarten Teachers: Far East only

FEAST, THEN SERVE



Rev. Samuel Wolgemuth, the Youth Conference Missionary speaker, consults with several young people after a service.

COME AND DINE

Welcome words, aren't they? Who hasn't been absolutely famished, hardly able to wait another minute for good food?

Have you ever thought how tragic it would be to be hungry, have good food planted before you, and then not be able to eat it?

I stood by the bedside of a Korean youth who was in that kind of a predicament. He was hungry. The mission hospital had plenty of food for him, but he couldn't eat. Why?

His story was a tragic one. He had despaired of life and decided to commit suicide. He took a drink of lye. Instead of killing him, the lye collapsed his esophagus. He couldn't eat or drink. Otherwise, his body was normal. He had a terrible thirst and a gnawing appetite. Was there nothing that could be done?

Yes! The missionary doctor said he would try. He removed a section of the small intestine, connected it to the stomach, bypassed the esophagus where it had collapsed, and then sewed it to the upper section of the esophagus which was still open. A series of three operations had been necessary.

Can you imagine the joy that came to that young man when he was told that he could eat again? He left that hospital with two appetites satisfied. He had also been fed with the Bread of heaven.

All of us are like that lad. We have drunk the poison of sin. Our sin has closed the way for fellowship with God and eternal life. We were doomed to die eternally.

But Jesus, the Great Physician, opened another way—the way of the Cross! God laid our sins upon Him. The price has been paid. "With His stripes we are healed." "The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanseth us from all sin."

Now Jesus says, "I am the bread of life, he that cometh to me shall never hunger, and he that believeth in me shall never thirst." "Come and dine!"

How about you? Are you still choked with sin? If you are, you will die just as surely as that Korean would have died. Turn to Jesus. He waits to perform the operation on you!

Some of you will say. "It has been performed. I am eating that 'Bread'. There is real joy in my heart." We rejoice with you. But what are you doing about those who are in the death grip of sin? Will you simply shrug your shoulders and do nothing to help them? Or will you answer the call of the Lord, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for me?", by saying deep in your heart, "Here am I, send me." Multitudes await your reply! Their eternal destiny depends upon it.

Sam Wolgemuth



Recommended Books For Young Christians

Devotional

1. Oswald Chambers—*My Utmost for His Highest*—Dodd, Mead and Co. 1954 \$2.50
2. Mrs. Charles E. Cowman—*Mountain Trailways for Youth*—Cowman Publications, Inc. 1947 \$2.00

Missionary

1. J. Theodore Mueller—*Great Missionaries to the Orient*—Zondervan Publishing House 1948 \$1.50
2. B. H. Pearson—*Don Pedro*—Cowman Publications, Inc. 1954 \$1.50 (paper bound)
3. Bob Pierce & Ken Anderson—*This Way to the Harvest*—Zondervan Publishing House 1949 \$.50 (paper bound)
4. Ruth Stull—*Sand & Stars*—Revell Co. \$2.50

Teen-Age Novels

1. Argye Briggs—*Root Out of Dry Ground*—Eerdmans Co. \$1.50
2. Craig Massey—*The Stranger in the Marsh*—Zondervan Publishing House 1954 \$1.50

Novels (12-14 years of age)

1. Elsie Grant Henson—*Secret of Old Stormy*—Broadman Press 1948 \$2.00
2. Basil Miller—*Patty Lou, Range Nurse*—Zondervan Publishing House 1954 \$1.00

Note: These books can be ordered from the Taylor Bookstore, Taylor University, Upland, Indiana.

Joy Through Venturing With Christ

Another Youth Conference has now become history. For many weeks and months we anticipated with a keen interest that weekend at Taylor. Those young people who had attended previous conferences knew something about what to expect. They were prepared for the friendly atmosphere, and the spiritual climate of the Taylor campus. They knew the program would be well organized. They expected that the music would be of the highest caliber. Those of us who came for the first time were immediately captivated by those things which have combined to make this a notable Conference through the years.

Now it is all over and we recall those days in late March with great joy. How great that joy may be depends on what happened to you during that Conference. Were you one of those who made your decision to become one of Christ's disciples? Were you among those who dedicated your life to Christian service? Did you make use of this opportunity to grow in Grace and to rededicate yourself to whatever use the Master may make of you? Did you promise to "Venture with Christ" whatever the cost may be? If so, then these weeks since Youth Conference have been the best of your life. You have been rejoicing in the secret of losing one's life, only to find it again.

If perhaps you sat under the inspiration of this great conference without yielding to Christ's claims on you, then these days since the Conference have been miserable ones for you. There is nothing sweeter than a singing conscience, and nothing worse than one which condemns. Even now Christ is still calling. You have heard the invitation to follow Him. If you have ne-



Rev. Robert H. Warren asks, "Will You Venture With Christ?" at an evangelistic service.

glected to decide aright will you not now cast your verdict for Him? The question still remains, "What will you do with Jesus"? The answer must be to crown Him King of your life if you are determined to find real joy both now and in the hereafter.

RECORD ALBUMS

Youth Conference Record Albums are still available from the Taylor Bookstore. The established price is \$2.50 per album, plus 50c per album for handling and postage. Record Albums can be purchased by sending your order to: The Taylor Bookstore, Upland, Indiana.

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